6 PART MINI-SERIES

SON OF AMBUSH BUG™

5
NOV. 86

APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY

CALL IT, BUG! HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE!

"THE TRIAL OF AMBUSH BUG!" AND YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO HIS LAWYER IS!

SEVENTY-FOUR BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL... SEVENTY-FOUR BOTTLES OF BEER... IF ONE OF THE BOTTLES SHOULD HAPPEN TO FALL... THERE'LL BE SEVENTY-THREE BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL...

SEVENTY-THREE BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL... SEVENTY-THREE BOTTLES OF BEER... IF ONE OF THE BOTTLES SHOULD HAPPEN TO FALL... THERE'LL BE SEVENTY-TWO BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL...

TWO-FACE SLEPT HERE

NO HE DIDN'T

YES HE DID

SIGH

SEVENTY-TWO BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL... TWO BOTTLES OF BEER... IF ONE OF THE BOTTLES SHOULD HAPPEN TO FALL... THERE'LL BE SEVENTY-ONE BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL...

555-2468

S-4830

K.G.

THE Fanboy Press

Serving comics Fandom Right

$1.50

ISSUE NO. 749 (BSVN-01359) 15TH YEAR JULY 3, 1986 "The Newspaper for Functional Literates"

THIS WEEK IN COMICS' NEWSPAPER:

- THE SCANDAL OF THE YEAR
- YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS
- IT'S REALLY INCREDIBLE
- WE CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT OURSELVES
- THIS IS STRICTLY BETWEEN US
- PROMISE YOU WON'T BREATHE A WORD
- BUT WE HAVE IT ON THE BEST AUTHORITY
- THAT...
- THAT...
- DUHHH... WE FORGOT!

OH YEAH!

AMBUSH BUG BUSTED !!!!

In This Issue:

NEWS 1
REVIEWS 2
THE BLUES 3
ACHOOS 4
GEZOOS 5
PAGE TWOS 6
TOM CRUISE 7
BETTY LOU'S 8
STYLING MOUSSE 9
UNION DUES 10
STYLING MOUSSE? . . . 11
TASTY STEWS 12
MISTER TRUE'S 13
NASTY VIEWS 14
CROSSWORD CLUES . . 15
HOWARD HUGHES . . 16
CHEAP SHAMPOOS . . . 17
WHO'S WHOS 18
P'S AND Q'S 19
ELEVATOR SHOES . . 20

and don't forget your subscription renews

Ad of the Weak

I was going to sell my entire collection, but I just can't! What's so important about college, anyway? I'm keeping my comics!

B. DILLWEED
BOISE, ID

SUFFERS PUBLIC HUMILIATION, LOSS OF DIGNITY, TOTAL DISGRACE, CHEAP SCANDAL, OUTRIGHT RIDICULE, COMPLETE AND UTTER CONDEMNATION FROM ALL SIDES, REALLY BAD SOCIAL OSTRACISM, AND IMMINENT CANCELLATION OF LIBRARY CARD.

PLEADS "NOT GUILTY," BUT WE'VE HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE.

...AN[illegible] THAT BOT[illegible] SHOULD HAPP[illegible] TO FALL...

THERE'LL BE NO BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL.

HMPH

I WISH I KNEW THE WORDS TO "MACARTHUR PARK."

HEY! SING THAT SONG AGAIN!

YEAH! WE ALL WANNA HEAR IT!

J.S. '17

YOU KNOW, I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN ENTERTAIN A BUNCH OF CONVICTS!

LIKE WHAT?

LIKE WALLOWING IN SELF-PITY.

DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE FEELINGS? CAN'T YOU SEE THAT MY WORD BALLOONS ARE DRIPPING?

I HAVE TO FACE IT--THIS IS THE LOW POINT. MY LUCK CAN'T GET ANY WORSE.

HEY, BUG! YOU JUST WON FIRST PLACE IN THE PRISON BEAUTY PAGEANT!

CELL BLOCK 13

MEEOOOOWW

KRASH

MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?

THE PLAN?

I DON'T HAVE ANY PLAN. I THOUGHT YOU HAD A PLAN.

I DON'T HAVE A PLAN! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO COME UP WITH THE PLAN!

BUT THAT'S SO ABSURD.

HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN WHEN I WAS WAITING FOR YOUR PLAN?

MY PLAN WAS CONTINGENT ON YOUR PLAN!

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT:

YOU WERE WAITING FOR MY PLAN TO COME UP WITH YOUR OWN PLAN AND I WAS WAITING FOR YOUR PLAN TO COME UP WITH MINE.

MY PLAN.

I THINK WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED ENOUGH FOR TODAY.

AGREED! I'M REALLY SOLD ON THESE PLANNING SESSIONS, BY THE WAY.

YOUR WHAT?

AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR...

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

WITH TODAY'S TOPICAL QUESTION:

"IS AMBUSH BUG AS GUILTY AS SIN?"

YOU DON'T *REALLY* WANT TO HEAR *MY* OPINION.

NO, YOU DON'T.

YOU *SAY* YOU DO, BUT YOU *DON'T.*

WELL... *OKAY.* *MY* OPINION IS...

YOU WANT *MY* OPINION?

TEN DOLLARS!

I'M MUCH TOO *UGLY* TO HAVE AN OPINION!

I *HAF* UN OPINION, BOT IT'S SHTUCK IN MY *MOOSTASH.*

I LEFT *MY* OPINION IN MY OTHER *PANTS.*

WHAT OPINION? I GOT *TWELVE KIDS,* WHAT DO I NEED WITH AN *OPINION?*

WNTOWN

I CAN'T *BELIEVE* MY CASE HAS FINALLY COME TO *TRIAL*. I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN WAITING IN THAT *CELL FOR THREE YEARS!*

IT'S BEEN *FOUR* YEARS, MISTER BUG.

NO *KIDDING*. I GUESS IT WENT A LITTLE *FASTER* AFTER I JOINED THE *PEP CLUB*.

LUCKY THING I'VE GOT A GOOD *LAWYER*.

YOU *ARE* GOING TO REPRESENT ME IN COURT, *AREN'T* YOU, MISTER PAWN?

UH... WELL... THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN MEANING TO... UH... *TALK* TO YOU ABOUT, MISTER BUG.

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOUR *NEW* DEFENSE ATTORNEY... *TWO-FACE!*

TWO-FACE!?! BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS THE *PROSECUTOR!*

I CAN BE BOTH IF I *WANT* TO AND *YOU* CAN'T *STOP* ME, SO *THERE!*

AMBUSH BUG™ IS "WITLESS FOR THE PROSECUTION"

"JUDGE"	"LAWYER"	"DOCTOR"	"INDIAN CHIEF"	"POOR MAN"	"EDITOR"
KEITH GIFFEN ·creator ·Plotter ·Penciller	ROBERT LOREN FLEMING ·scripter	BOB OKSNER ·inker	ANTHONY TOLLIN ·colorist	JOHN COSTANZA ·letterer	JULIUS SCHWARTZ ·chief Dish and Bottle Washer

WITH SPECIAL "SURPRISE WITNESS" STEVEN BISSETTE... penciller pp. 11-14

THE COURTROOM WILL COME TO ORDER. THIS IS THE THIRD CIRCUIT COURT, JUDGE OSSIE MARSUPIAL PRESIDING.

AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!!

CLAK

WHICH ONE OF YOU IS THE GUILTY PARTY?

THAT'S ME, SIR.

WHAT AM I SAYING? I'M THE DEFENDANT! GOTTA REMEMBER THAT.

MISTER PROSECUTOR, ARE YOU READY WITH YOUR FIRST WITNESS?

YES, DAD!

THE DEFENDANT.

I CALL THE DEFENDANT, AMBUSH BUG, TO THE STAND!

MISTER SO-CALLED AMBUSH BUG, IS IT NOT TRUE THAT YOU WILLFULLY ENGAGED IN SATIRIC ATTACKS AGAINST OTHER COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS?

HI, FOLKS.

I'M NOT SURE THAT I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, TWO-FACE.

BUT ALL I REALLY WANT TO KNOW IS... WHERE'D YOU GET THAT SUIT??

BLECCHH!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE *JURY*... I INTEND TO *PROVE CONCLUSIVELY* THAT THE *DEFENDANT* IS GUILTY OF THAT MOST *HEINOUS CRIME OF ALL*--

--CONTEMPT OF COMICS!!!

GNASH!! GNASH! GNASH!

;GULP;

CONTEMPT OF *COMICS*? BUT I *COVE*--

YOU'LL SPEAK WHEN SPOKEN TO, MISTER, AND NOT BEFORE!!

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, I GIVE YOU EXHIBIT A: THE PHONY SUPERMAN BOOT THAT WAS FOUND IN THE DEFENDANT'S POSSESSION!"

EXHIBIT A

WAIT!

THAT'S NOT EVEN MY SIZE!

"EXHIBIT B: ONE BUTANE LIGHTER, AMBER!

"EXHIBIT C: THE SWAMP THING!

"EXHIBIT D: ALL 749 ISSUES OF THE FANBOY PRESS, IN MINT CONDITION!

"EXHIBIT E: ONE FIRE HOSE, BORROWED FROM THE REC ROOM OF ARKHAM ASYLUM!

"EXHIBIT F: A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN THE NIGHT OF THE BREAK-IN AT THE WATER-GATE HOTEL!

"AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, EXHIBIT G: THIS SINGLE REMAINING CUFF LINK!"

I DON'T GET THE CUFF LINK.

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF JIMMY HOFFA?!?

JIMMY HOFFA?

JIMMY FREAKIN' HOFFA.

JIMMY HOFFA?!?

DID I STUTTER?

THIS MEANS **WAR!!!**

555-2468

I DEMAND A *LAWYER!!*

NO WAY.

OKAY!! SO THEN I DEMAND THE *ONE TELEPHONE CALL* TO WHICH I AM *ENTITLED!!!*

UH-UH.

WELL... IN *THAT* CASE...

I WANT MY *MOMMY!!!*

I WANT A DRINK OF *WATER!!!*

I HAVE TO GO TO THE--

SNAP

THANKS A LOT FOR BITING THROUGH MY LAST *PENCIL*, PINHEAD. HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO DRAW THE REST OF THIS *STORY*?

GEE, KEITH... MAYBE *STEVE BISSETTE* COULD FILL IN...

BOY... YOU SURE DON'T HAVE TO ASK BISSETTE *TWICE*.

CALL JULIE

CAL KAREN

RRING!

HELLO? YES? YOUR NAME IS... *PRIMAL BUG*? UH-HUH, YEAH, RIGHT. OKAY.

YES.

THAT'S RIGHT.

SURE.

AYUP.

WHAT?!? YOU'RE HOLDING MY SON *CAPTIVE* AND COME AND GET HIM IF I *DARE*?!?

PROVE IT! PUT HIM ON THE **LINE!**

...

CHEEKS!

:CLICK:

BZZZZZZZZ--

"AND SO BEGAN MY FATAL QUEST--I MEAN **FATEFUL**--TO DISCOVER THE **TRUE** IDENTITY OF THE PREHISTORIC BEING KNOWN AS **PRIMAL BUG!**"

ULP!

CALLING AQUAMAN!! CALLING AQUAMAN!!

"BUT I HAD NO LUCK AT ALL."

AQUA **BOY**? AQUA **GIRL**? **MERA**? **NAMOR**? **LORI**??

HEY! YOU!

GET OFF OF MY **CLOUD!**

SO YOU WON'T **TALK**, EH?

AND WHEN I SAY *NO LUCK*, I *MEAN* IT! I JUST PUT MY *LAST* TEN BUCKS ON DINO'S DINNER TO PLACE.

'AM'BO'

THIRD BLOOD
PART XXIV

in

"THE WAR THE DINOSAURS FORGOT!"

P-POW

SR BISSETTE

LET'S SEE IF THIS SLIPS YOUR MIND, YA BIG MORON-ADON!

RECOLLECT THIS, FUGUE FACE!!

P-P-POW

YAHOO!!

P-P-POW

POW POW

KAPOW

WHY DON'T YOU RECORD A LITTLE LIVE AMMO IN YOUR BRAIN BOX, REX? PLENTY OF ROOM UP THERE!

HAHA!

I LOVE THE SMELL OF BRONTOBURGERS IN THE MORNING!

POOM

GERONIMO!

BOOM

PADOOM

BECOME FUEL, YOU FOSSILS!

BITE MY BATTLE LUST, BULLY BOYS!!!

P-P-P-POW

POW P-P-P-POW

"THEN IT WAS ALL OVER AND A TERRIBLE THOUGHT OCCURRED TO ME...

"MAYBE I'D GONE TOO FAR!"

THEN AGAIN... IF ANYONE'S GOING TO BE EXCESSIVE, IT MIGHT JUST AS WELL BE ME!

?

FWIF!

HEY, 'AM' BO'... WRONG ERA, BIMBO! SEE YOU IN THE LATE CRETACEOUS... PRIMAL BUG

NUTS! I THOUGHT I'D WIRED MY SUIT FOR THE LATE CRETACEOUS!

THESE LITTLE EONS ARE SO HARD TO FIND ON THE MAP!

SUDDENLY, 60 MILLION YEARS AGO...

YEAH, THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!

REAL SAVAGE... PRIMITIVE... SURVIVAL OF THE--

POP!

?

--FITTEST?

KLIK!

YOU... COME... SEE... KING... GRODD... NOW!

YES... I... GO... WITH... YOU... UNDERSTAND?

WOTTA PEABRAIN!

HEL...LO...KING... GRODD... I...COME... IN...PEACE!

WHAT A MAROON!

CUT ME SOME SLACK, JACK, AND SCOPE OUT THE OBJECT OF OUR, LIKE, ULTIMATE QUEST TO WIPE OUT ALL TRACES OF HUMAN EVOLUTION FROM THE TIMESTREAM!

DIG?

OUR ENEMY MISSING LINK

MY CHEEKY BOY?

CRASH!

OH NO! BUMMER!

HEY, TITANO!

YES! YES! HERE HE IS! OKAY, SO I TOOK HIM! AND I DRESSED HIM UP LIKE LOIS LANE! ALL RIGHT--I ADMIT IT!!

YOU DRESSED CHEEKS UP LIKE...

...LOIS LANE...?

OOOOOOOH!

THAT WAS SOME NIGHT-MARE!

HMMPH! WHAT'S THIS?

HAVE A GOOD NAP? CHECK OUT THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK NEWS! SO LONG, SAP... PRIMAL BUG

I'VE GOT A FEELING I'M GOING TO REGRET THIS.

...IS THE 11 O'CLOCK NEWS WITH ACTION ANCHOR-APE CLARK KONG...

NEWS

CLIC

COMBAT CHEEKS®
FRONTLINE MEDIC™ TRIUMPHANT

I've come alive again. The war is mine again...

HERE HE COMES,
HERE HE COMES,
THAT *CUTE* L'IL CUT-UP
CALLED

COMBAT CHEEKS

THE FRONTLINE
MEDIC

SHHHH! BE VEWWY, VEWWY *QUIET!*

I'M HUNTING *NAZIS.*

HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH!

THOSE WASCALLY GOOSESTEPPERS ARE IN FOR A *BIG SUHPWISE!*

WAIT TILL THEY MEET MY *FWEND*-- MISTER POWERFUL *EXPWOSIVE!*

KABWOOM!!

HOOWAY! HOOWAY! MY STWATEGY **SUCCEEDED!**

AND THE SAME **WECIPE...**

...MAKES A GWEAT **WABBIT STEW!**

HOW TO WRITE COMIC BOOKS

PART THIRTEEN:

THE DIALOGUE

KEEP IT *BRIEF!* YOU AIN'T GETTIN' PAID BY THE *WORD*, YOU GETTIN' PAID BY THE *PAGE.*

GUILTY!

AM NOT.

ARE TOO!

AM NOT. AM NOT. AM NOT.

ARE TOO! ARE TOO! ARE TOO! ARE TOO!

IZZY?

IZZY GUILTY??

FLIP!

NO, TWO-FACE.

YES!

PROSECUTION REQUESTS *DEATH!*

YOU *GOT* IT.

YOW!

ZIP ZIP ZIP

JURY... *DECIDE!*

CLAK

AND WHILE THE JURY *DELIBERATES*, YOU-- THE *READER*-- *ALSO* HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE ***THE FATE OF AMBUSH BUG!*** JUST FILL IN ONE OF THESE *BOXES* AND IF YOU CHOOSE THE *RIGHT* ONE, WON'T *YOU* BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS!

GUILTY

NOT GUILTY

NOT EVEN FUNNY

I, JUDGE BUGG, SAY *GUILTY*, AND I DECLARE THE *SENTENCE* TO BE...

...DEATH BY *LIQUID PAPER!!* AND I WILL PERSONALLY *CARRY OUT* THAT--

'AY! YOU JUST *LOOKED* AT ME! LOOKING AT A JUDGE IS PUNISHABLE BY A DREADFUL *DEATH* AND--

AY! YOU JUST LOOKED AT ME *AGAIN!*

STOP *LOOKING* AT ME! AND STOP LOOKING AT ME *AGAIN!*

'AY! STOP LOOKING AT MY *EAGLE!*

I'M GONNA CLOSE MY EYES AND COUNT TO *TEN*, AND WHEN I *OPEN* 'EM NOBODY HAD BETTER BE LOOKING AT *ME* OR MY EAGLE OR LOOKING AT ME *AGAIN!* GOT THAT?

1...2...3...

JURY ROOM

TICK!

I HOPE AT LEAST ONE OF THEM HOLDS OUT.

TICK!

TICK!

I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS! I JUST HAD ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE DREAMS...

TICK!

...EXCEPT IN THIS ONE, GNUS HAD TAKEN OVER THE WORLD INSTEAD OF APES!

AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A GNU LOOKS LIKE!

AMBUSH BUG?

IT'S THE NEWS.

OH, NO! HAVE THEY TAKEN OVER?

I'M AFRAID IT'S A BIT LATE TO BE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR AN INSANITY PLEA, PAL.

WHILE JUST A HOP, SKIP AND JERK AWAY, AT INTERFERER CENTRAL...

YAWN

THESE TELEVISED TRIALS ARE REALLY *EXCRUCIATING!*

I WISH I COULD'VE KILLED THE LITTLE BUGGER WITHOUT SO MANY *FORMALITIES!*

OH, WELL. I DIDN'T GET WHERE I AM *TODAY* BY DOING THINGS OUT IN THE *OPEN!* AND NOW THAT THIS *DUMMY TRIAL* IS SEWN UP, I *OWE* IT TO MYSELF TO HEAD FOR--

--*FUNKYTOWN!!*

ZAM!

FIRST A LITTLE *SUNBATHING*, THEN A SCENIC TOUR OF *THE HOMES OF THE STARS...*

...THEN IT'S BACK TO *MY* PLACE FOR DRINKS IN FRONT OF THE *MIRROR!*

AND BACK AT THAT BIG BENCH OF LIFE...

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY FOR YOURSELF AT THIS *TIME*, YOU *DEFENDANT* YOU?

I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I, FOR ONE, AM GONNA NEED A *BARF BAG* IF GIFFEN DOESN'T COOL IT WITH THESE *TUNNEL PERSPECTIVES*.

FOREMAN OF THE JURY... HAVE YOU AND THE OTHERS REACHED A *VERDICT*?

JUST AS I *THOUGHT*! GUILTY.

GEE, JUDGE, DO YA THINK YOU COULD HAVE HIM *REPEAT* THAT A LITTLE *LOUDER*? I DON'T THINK THOSE IN THE *BACK* OF THE--

SILENCE!!!

AMBUSH BUG, YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND *GUILTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE* OF CRIMES AGAINST THE *ENTIRE*, AND RECENTLY AMALGAMATED, *DC UNIVERSE!!*

FOR THESE AND FOR *OTHER* CRIMES WHICH WE ARE *ALSO* PINNING ON YOU, I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO...

NO! :gasp: *NOT* INK--

...**INKARCARATION!!**

BLOOD

::GLUB!::

NEXT ISSUE:
AMBUSH BUG'S
BLACKEST HOUR!